existing ones and to formulate norms for the future. The study group submitted its report in July, 1997 and the same was approved by the Lt. Governor on 16.8.97 for appropriate modification to Master Plan for Delhi-2001.

(b) and (c) Delhi Police have reported that action has been initiated under the relevant law against the two Banquet Halls functioning at Main Pusa Road, New Delhi and the matter is subjudice.

वंदे मातरम् का गायन

1136. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गृह मंत्री जी ने दिनांक 2 नवंबर, 1998 के "पायनियर" में इस आशय का कोई बयान दिया है कि वंदे मातरम् का गायन अनिवार्य नहीं होना चाहिए;

(ख) तो क्या किसी राज्य सरकार ने ऐसा किया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई की है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) यह रिपोर्ट पूरी तरह से ठीक नहीं थी। यह बयान वंदे मातरम को सरकारी आदेश के बजाए स्वेच्छा से अपनाने के पक्ष में था।

(ख) और (ग) उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य सरकार ने हमें यह सूचित किया है कि उनके शिक्षा विभाग ने "कल्प योजना" शुरू करने के लिए 25 जुलाई, 1998 को कुछ अनुदेश जारी किए थे, जिनमें अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ "वंदे मातरम" का पाठ करना भी सम्मिलित था। राज्य सरकार ने इस बारे में जारी किए गए आदेश बाद में वापिस ले लिए।

अल्पसंख्यकों की धार्मिक भावनाओं को भड़काना

1137. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले दिनों अल्पसंख्यकों (मुस्लिमों और ईसाईयों) की धार्मिक भावनाओं को भड़काने के लिए सुनियोजित प्रयास किए गए हैं;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि ऐसा हिन्दू धर्म की शिक्षा और देवी वंदना को अनिवार्य बनाने के नाम पर किया जा रहा है तथा इससे कानून और व्यवस्था की स्थिति के बिगड़ने की आशंका है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ऐसे षड़यंत्रों को नाकाम बनाने हेतु क्या कार्रवाई कर रही है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) और (ख) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Indo-British Project on Human Rights and Prison Management

1138. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indo-British Project on human rights and prison management;

(b) whether Government plan to improve the present conditions in the prisons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The British Council Division, New Delhi has undertaken a project on Human Rights and Prison Management in collaboration with the Bureau of Police Research and Development, National Human Rights Commission and Penal Reforms & Justice Association. The project was sponsored by the International Centre for Prison Studies, School of Law, Kings College, London. The project aims at augmenting prison training at various ranks of prison officers, both at the recruitment and in-service training levels, with special reference to human rights and management system in prisons.

(b) and (c) 'Prisons' is a State subject as per Entry 4 of the State List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. It is essentially for the State Governments to take necessary steps to improve the condition of prisons and prisoners. The Central Government, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this direction, has been implementing, since 1987, a scheme for modernisation of Prison Administration. Under this scheme, Central assistance of Rs. 101.50 crores has been released to

the State Governments so far. Besides, the Tenth Finance Commission has made a provision of Rs. 66.32 crores for repairs and renovation of jail buildings and for providing medical facilities.

Incentives to All India Service Officers

1139. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed special incentives to All India Services Officers posted in places like North-East, Jammu and Kashmir, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Special incentives including special allowances are provided to Civilian Employees of the Central Government, including All India Services Officers, serving in the North Eastern States and in the Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Group of Islands. These include Special Duty Allowance; special tenures of postings/deputation; weightage for Central deputations/training abroad and special mention in Confidential records; Special Compensatory Allowances; liberalised Leave Travel concessions, Travelling allowance and HRA; Children Education Allowance and Hostel subsidy; retention of Government accommodation at the last place of posting; and retention of telephone facilities and medical facilities at the last place of posting.

All India Services Officers in Jammu & Kashmir are also provided special incentives which include the option to move the family to a place of choice; payment of HRA for class A city irrespective of status of the city chosen; arrangements for stay, security and transport; a per diem allowance of Rs. 10 per each day of attendance, messing allowance at a uniform rate of Rs. 15 per day/departmental messing arrangements etc.

Certain additional incentives are also provided to All India Services Officers by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Sealing of borders with Pakistan

1140. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan has sealed its Western Border with India to curb growing violence and terrorism in its troubled Sindh Province and other areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to seal their borders alongwith entire Pakistan to curb violence and terrorism being launched by militants from Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and

(b) It has been reported that Prime Minister, Pakistan, during a meeting to review the law and order situation in Sindh, had given directions to seal the International Border of Sindh.

(c) and (d) In order to check the infiltration and smuggling of arms, ammunition and explosives from across the Western Border, Government have already undertaken following steps:—

(i) Construction/erection of border security fencing, floodlighting along the International Border with Pakistan in Punjab and Rajasthan Sectors and 10 Km. of Rann area in Gujarat adjoining the Rajasthan Sector. Proposal to erect fencing and floodlighting in Jammu Sector is under active consideration of the Government. Feasibility of erecting fencing on a raised embankment in the Rann area of Gujarat is also being examined;

(ii) Deployment of more troops, sanctioned by Government under the expansion plan, and thereby reducing inter BOP gaps for better border management and vigilance;

(iii) Out Posts, patrolling and naka duties have been intensified;